

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 503

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Franklin Tapp of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Franklin Tapp; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Tapp was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 1, 1933, Franklin Tapp was educated in the Fayette County public school system and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong farmer who enjoyed working on the farm every day, Mr. Tapp was also an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapp was an active and devout member of Oak Grove Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Tapp was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Nimrod Tapp and Zera Holt Tapp; three sisters, Mabel Pattat, Elizabeth Scott, and Virginia Morris; three brothers, Fred Wilson Tapp, Richard Thomas Tapp, and Joseph Howell Tapp; and one granddaughter, Chesley Irene Tapp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapp enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-one years, Peggy Irene Leath Tapp; he was the proud father of three sons, Raymond Tapp (Patrice), Michael Tapp (Calente), and Bryant Tapp (Penny), and the beloved grandfather of five

grandchildren, Andrea Tapp, Alana Tapp, Brinley Tapp, Judson Tapp, and Braylon Franklin Tapp; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his two sisters, Olivia Hathaway and Lucille Tapp Pattat, his brother, Robert Holt "Bobby" Tapp, and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Tapp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Franklin Tapp, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Tapp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.